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ABSTRACT

This research examines the issue of *al-‘Afw*, the sphere of permissibility enjoyed by human beings regarding their actions and behaviour. *Al-‘Afw* has been regarded as a potentially controversial domain of *uṣūlī* scholars since it deals with matters relating to ambiguity and controversy in Islamic jurisprudence and rulings. Islamic scholars of various *uṣūlī* schools nevertheless have been at the forefront in sorting out many complexities as well as controversies in the day to day practice of a Muslim in contemporary times. Hence, the need for the thesis is to help a great understanding and appreciation of *uṣūlī* scholars’ effort in dealing with *al-‘Afw*.

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